



*Consulate General of the United States of America
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam*

August 01, 2006

To: Prospective Quoters

Subject: Request for Quotations number S-VM700-06-Q0488

Enclosed is a Request for Quotations (RFQ) for the Records Digitization Project. If you would like to submit a quotation, follow the instructions in Section 3 of the solicitation, complete the required portions of the attached document, and submit it to the address shown on the Standard Form 1449 that follows this letter.

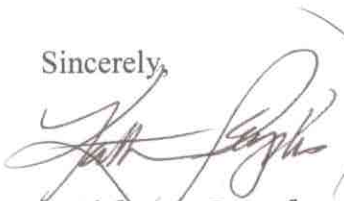
The U.S. Government intends to award a contract/purchase order to the responsible company submitting an acceptable quotation at the lowest price. We intend to award a contract/purchase order based on initial quotations, without holding discussions, although we may hold discussions with companies in the competitive range if there is a need to do so.

Quotations are due by 15:00 Aug 30, 2006. Bids to be submitted in sealed envelopes marked:

“PROPOSAL ENCLOSED
S-VM700-06-Q0488”

TO: U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL HO CHI MINH CITY
ATTN.: GENERAL SERVICES OFFICE
4 LE DUAN STREET, DISTRICT 1
HO CHI MINH CITY

Sincerely,


Kathleen Peoples
Contracting Officer



Enclosure

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SECTION 1 - THE SCHEDULE**CONTINUATION TO SF-1449, RFQ NUMBER S-VM700-06-Q-0488
PRICES, BLOCK 23****I. PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT**

- A. The purpose of this firm fixed price contract is to provide data digitization service to the U.S. Consulate General for its microfilm and microfiche collections, per details in Attachment 1.
- B. Contract duration: 18 months from the date of the contract award.
- C. Prices quoted must be in USD.

II. PRICING

The contractor shall complete all work, including furnishing all labor, material, equipment and services required under this contract for the following firm fixed price options and within the specified time frames. This price shall include all labor, materials, overhead and profit.

Contract Price: USD_____

CONTINUATION TO SF-1449, RFQ NUMBER S-VM700-06-Q-0488
SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES, BLOCK 20
DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

1. The Contractor shall digitize a collection of microfilm and microfiche records and link them to an existing SQL Server database. All records will be saved in Tagged Image File Format (TIFF) at 300 dpi.
2. Period of Performance: The contract must be completed within 18 months.
3. Contract Requirements:

The contractor shall digitize the Consulate General's refugee records and link them to existing SQL Server database. These records are currently maintained on microfiche and microfilm that were produced in the 1970's, 1980's and early 1990's in several refugee camps. The Consulate General estimates that its collection consists of 777 rolls of microfilm and approximately 416,052 pieces of microfiche. This is only an estimate.

Microfiche and microfilm formats are not uniform. Some rolls of microfilm are contained in 3M Cartridges; others are on loose rolls of film. Microfiche are either in hard card format or consist of cut film slid into jackets. The state of preservation of microfilm and microfiche also ranges in quality; some microfiche are decaying, with their jacket sleeves having torn.

Our sampling procedure has determined that each roll of microfilm in the collection contains an average of 160-200 discrete case files, with each case consisting of several separate images; the Consulate General estimates that the 777 rolls of microfilm contain 142,607 discrete case files, consisting of a total of 1,999,046 images.

The Consulate General has estimated that each discrete case file on microfiche typically consists of 1.0 to 2.7 pieces of microfiche (i.e., on average a contractor would have to scan 1.0 to 2.7 pieces of microfiche to scan one complete file).

Currently, to locate a specific file, an employee must complete a three-step process. Step one is to use a SQL Server database with either a Microsoft Access or web-based front end, which simultaneously searches approximately 10 discrete databases, to locate a record. The database discloses some basic data about the case, in addition to information indicating where in the microfiche or microfilm collection the physical file is located. Because the microfiche were originally designed by 10 different contractors, each piece of microfiche might be identified by any one of 10 different index identifiers. For microfilm, searches are more difficult. The same database is used to locate a microfilm record. The database only indicates which roll contains the case file, however; the employee must search through the entire roll of microfilm to locate the correct record. Step two of the location process is to take the unique identifier and locate the specific record. Step three is to utilize a microfiche or microfilm reader to read the record.

This contract requires reducing the process to one-step for finding and reading a desired record. The contractor will scan the Consulate General's entire microfiche and microfilm collection, save specific image files to correspond to entries in the existing database, and then link these discrete data files to the existing database. After completion of the contract, our employees would be able to search the existing database for a specific record, locate a desired record in the database, and then be able to examine the images associated with that record (formerly contained only on microfiche or microfilm), all using just one desktop computer system.

4. Specific Requirements:

A) Scanning and indexing is to occur at a facility outside of the Consulate General. The contractor will designate this facility, with the approval of the Consulate General, and will procure/maintain it at the contractor's expense. Microfiche and microfilm records are to be removed from the Consulate General for scanning, but only in discrete batches, the size of which is to be agreed upon by the contractor and Consulate General; each batch is to be returned to the Consulate General after scanning. A non-Vietnamese national must supervise all work. The Contractor must disclose where they intend to do all scanning work. If scanning is to occur outside of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam all costs for shipping must be included in the firm fixed price. Contractor must provide the COR with proposed shipping method upon award.

B) Each discrete case file, whether it is scanned from microfilm or microfiche, must be saved as an individual data file in Tagged Image File Format (TIFF). One refugee case may not be split over more than one data record.

C) Files are to be saved to CD-ROM / DVD-ROMs or other agreed upon temporary data storage devices at the contractor's scanning facility. The data on this storage device is then to be downloaded to a data storage device (to be provided by the Consulate General) at the Consulate General's premises, by the contractor. The cost of all temporary storage media is to be borne by the contractor and included in the firm fixed price. Contractor is to ensure that all storage media are virus free. The Consulate General will scan all files prior to downloading them to the permanent storage device. If viruses are discovered, contractor must redo all work and ensure that files are virus free.

D) All scanned files must be linked to the correct entry in an SQL Server database that will be provided by the Consulate General. This database is an index that currently allows the Consulate General to locate individual records in its microfiche and microfilm collection. All scanned files must be linked to the correct corresponding entry in the existing database. Upon completion of this project, the end user will be able to locate a record in the database, open the corresponding scanned image, and be able to view the images associated with the correct file.

E) Image scanning is done in monochrome & grayscale, at a minimum of 300 dpi. Images are to be scanned on an "as is" basis and stored without any image clean-up and/or enhancement.

F) All documentation of work, including any source codes or proprietary information, must be turned over to the Consulate General upon completion of the project.

G) All security breaches must be reported in writing immediately to the COR. If a security breach is not reported, and knowledge of said breach is discovered at a later point, the project will be considered not completed. Security breaches are defined as (but not limited to): allowing non-US Government approved personnel to work on the project; loss of data or unauthorized replacement of data; disclosure of data or associated information to non-authorized individuals; loss of microfiche or microfilm; unauthorized copying of microfiche, microfilm, or the related databases.

H) Not all microfiche/microfilm is in alphabetical or numerical order. It will be the contractor's responsibility to ensure that each scanned record is linked to the correct entry in the existing database.

5. **SECURITY.** The Government reserves the right to deny access to U.S.-owned and U.S.-operated facilities to any individual. The Contractor shall provide the names, biographic data, and police clearance on all Contractor personnel who will be working under this contract before they report for duty. The Government shall issue identity cards to approved Contractor personnel. These personnel shall display their identity cards on the uniform at all times while on duty. These identity cards are the property of the Government. The Contractor shall return all identity cards when the contract is completed, when a contractor's employee leaves this contract, or at the request of the Government.

GOVERNMENT APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES. The Contractor shall subject its personnel to the Government's approval. All employees must pass a suitable investigation conducted by the Contractor, including proof of successful employment during the past three years as well as recommendation(s) from their respective supervisor(s). A police check covering criminal and/or subversive activities, a check of personal residence, and a credit investigation is also required.

The Contractor shall provide records of all investigations in summary form to the COR for review and approval/disapproval. The investigation record shall be part of the administrative file (see Section 1). The Contractor shall not use any employees under this contract without Government approval. The Contractor shall not bill for employees who have not received approval under this clause.

6. **Quality Assurance and Surveillance Plan (QASP)** - Successful completion of the contract is defined as 100% scanning of the Consulate General's microfiche and microfilm collection, with verification testing by the Consulate General to confirm that images have been properly scanned and are as legible to the unaided eye as the original images are when viewed on a microfiche or microfilm reader, that there has been proper linkage of scanned files to the database, and that there has been a proper connection of the database to the Consulate General's computer network (or, if to a standalone computer, to that said computer).

The Quality Assurance and Surveillance Plan is designed to provide an effective surveillance method to promote effective contractor performance. The QASP provides a method for the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) to monitor contractor performance, advise the contractor of unsatisfactory performance, and notify the Contracting Officer of continued unsatisfactory performance. The contractor, not the Government, is responsible for management and quality control to meet the terms of the contract. The role of the Government is to conduct quality assurance to ensure that contract standards are achieved.

Performance Objective	PWS Para	Performance Threshold
Provide data digitization service to the Consulate General's microfilm and microfiche collections as set forth in the Work Statement	6	All required services are performed and no more than two (2) customer complaints are received per month

SURVEILLANCE. The COR will receive and document all complaints from Government personnel regarding the services provided. If appropriate, the COR will send the complaints to the Contractor for corrective action.

STANDARD. The performance standard is that the Government receives no more than two (2) customer complaints per month. The COR shall notify the Contracting Officer of the complaints so that the Contracting Officer may take appropriate action to enforce the inspection clause (FAR 52.246-4, Inspection of Services – Fixed Price (AUG 1996)), if any of the services exceed the standard.

PROCEDURES. (a) If any Government personnel observe unacceptable services, either incomplete work or required services not being performed they should immediately contact the COR.

(b) The COR will complete appropriate documentation to record the complaint.

(c) If the COR determines the complaint is invalid, the COR will advise the complainant. The COR will retain the annotated copy of the written complaint for his/her files.

(d) If the COR determines the complaint is valid, the COR will inform the Contractor and give the Contractor additional time to correct the defect, if additional time is available. The COR shall determine how much time is reasonable.

(e) The COR shall, as a minimum, orally notify the Contractor of any valid complaints.

(f) If the Contractor disagrees with the complaint after investigation of the site and challenges the validity of the complaint, the Contractor will notify the COR. The COR will review the matter to determine the validity of the complaint.

(g) The COR will consider complaints as resolved unless notified otherwise by the complainant.

(h) Repeat customer complaints are not permitted for any services. If a repeat customer complaint is received for the same deficiency during the service period, the COR will contact the Contracting Officer for appropriate action under the Inspection clause.”

7. Key Personnel - KEY PERSONNEL.

The Contractor shall assign the following key personnel to this contract:

<u>Position/Function</u>	<u>Name</u>
Supervisor	*

[Note to Contracting Officer: complete at time of award.]

During the first 90 days of performance, the Contractor shall make no substitutions of key personnel unless the substitution is required due to illness, death, or termination of employment. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer within 15 calendar days after the occurrence of any of these events and provide the information required below to the Contracting Officer at least 15 days before making any permanent substitutions.

After the first 90 days of performance, the Contractor may substitute a key person if the contractor determines that it is necessary. The Contractor shall notify the Contracting Officer of the proposed action immediately. Prior to making the substitution, the Contractor will provide the information required below to the Contracting Officer.

The Contractor shall provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances requiring the proposed substitution, a complete resume for the proposed substitute, and any additional information requested by the Contracting Officer. The proposed substitute shall possess qualifications comparable to the original key person and meet the minimum standards set forth in the contract. The Contracting Officer will notify the Contractor of its approval or disapproval of the substitution within 15 calendar days after receiving the required information. The Government will modify the contract to reflect any changes in key personnel.

SECTION 2 - CONTRACT CLAUSES

FAR 52.212-4, CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (SEP 2005), IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27B).

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-4

None

52.212-5 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR EXECUTIVE ORDERS - COMMERCIAL ITEMS (FEB 2006)

- (a) The Contractor shall comply with the following Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clauses, which are incorporated in this contract by reference, to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:
- (1) 52.233-3, Protest after Award (AUG 1996) (31 U.S.C. 3553).
 - (2) 52.233-4, Applicable Law for Breach of Contract Claim (OCT 2004) (Public L. 108-77, 108-78).

(b) The Contractor shall comply with the FAR clauses in this paragraph (b) that the contracting officer has indicated as being incorporated in this contract by reference to implement provisions of law or Executive orders applicable to acquisitions of commercial items:

	<u>Clause Number and Title</u>
X	(1) 52.203-6, Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government, with Alternate I (41 U.S.C. 253g and 10 U.S.C. 2402).
	(2) – (14) [Reserved].
	(15) 52.222-19, Child Labor – Cooperation with Authorities and Remedies (JAN 2006) (E.O. 13126).
	(16) 52.222-21, Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (FEB 1999).
	(17) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (APR 2002) (E.O. 11246).
	(18) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (DEC 2001) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
	(19) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793).
	(20) 52.222-37, Employment Reports on Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (DEC 2001) (38 U.S.C. 4212).
X	(21) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (DEC 2004) (E.O. 13201).
	(22) – (24) [Reserved].
	(25) 52.225-5, Trade Agreements (FEB 2006) (19 U.S.C. 2501, et seq., 19 U.S.C.

	3301 note
X	(26) 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (FEB 2006) (E.O.s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).
	(27) – (30) [Reserved].
	(31) 52.232-33, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – Central Contractor Registration (OCT 2003) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
X	(32) 52.232-34, Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer – Other than Central Contractor Registration (MAY 1999) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
	(33) 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party (MAY 1999) (31 U.S.C. 3332).
X	(34) 52.239-1, Privacy or Security Safeguards (AUG 1996) (5 U.S.C. 552a).
	(35)(i) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631
	(ii) Alternate I (APR 1984) of 52.247-64.

(c) [Reserved]

(d) *Comptroller General Examination of Record.* The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of this paragraph (d) if this contract was awarded using other than sealed bid, is in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, and does not contain the clause at 52.215-2, Audit and Records -- Negotiation.

(1) The Comptroller General of the United States, or an authorized representative of the Comptroller General, shall have access to and right to examine any of the Contractor's directly pertinent records involving transactions related to this contract.

(2) The Contractor shall make available at its offices at all reasonable times the records, materials, and other evidence for examination, audit, or reproduction, until 3 years after final payment under this contract or for any shorter period specified in FAR Subpart 4.7, Contractor Records Retention, of the other clauses of this contract. If this contract is completely or partially terminated, the records relating to the work terminated shall be made available for 3 years after any resulting final termination settlement. Records relating to appeals under the disputes clause or to litigation or the settlement of claims arising under or relating to this contract shall be made available until such appeals, litigation, or claims are finally resolved.

(3) As used in this clause, records include books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of form. This does not require the Contractor to create or maintain any record that the Contractor does not maintain in the ordinary course of business or pursuant to a provision of law.

(e) *[This paragraph applies only if award is made to a U.S. firm]* Notwithstanding the requirements of the clauses in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this clause, the Contractor is not required to flow down any FAR clause, other than those in paragraphs (i) through (vi) of this paragraph in a subcontract for commercial items. Unless otherwise indicated below, the extent of the flow down shall be as required by the clause.

(i) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2000) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), in all subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

(ii) 52.222-26, Equal Opportunity (APR 2002) (E.O. 11246).

(iii) 52.222-35, Equal Opportunity for Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans (DEC 2001) (38 U.S.C. 4212).

(iv) 52.222-36, Affirmative Action for Workers with Disabilities (JUN 1998) (29 U.S.C. 793).

(v) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (DEC 2004) (E.O. 13201).

(vi) [Reserved].

(vii) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (FEB 2006) (46 U.S.C. Appx 1241(b) and 10 U.S.C. 2631). Flow down required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64).

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT CLAUSES FAR AND DOSAR CLAUSES NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

52.252-2CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at:
<http://www.arnet.gov/far> or, <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. If the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is not available at the locations indicated above, use the Dept. of State Acquisition Website at <http://www.statebuy.state.gov> to see the links to the FAR. You may also use an Internet “search engine” (e.g., Yahoo, Excite, Alta Vista, etc.) to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation clauses are incorporated by reference:

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.225-14	Inconsistency Between English Version and Translation of Contract (FEB 2000)
52.228-4	Workers’ Compensation and War-Hazard Insurance Overseas (APR 1984)
52.228-5	Insurance - Work on a Government Installation (JAN 1997)
52.245-4	Government-Furnished Property (Short Form) (JUN 2003) (applies only if Government-furnished property is a part of this purchase order)
52.224-1	Privacy Action Notification (APR 1984)
52.224-2	Privacy Act (APR 1984)

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR CLAUSES ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.232-70 PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND INVOICE SUBMISSION (FIXED-PRICE) (AUG 1999)

(a) General. The Government shall pay the contractor as full compensation for all work required, performed, and accepted under this contract the firm fixed-price stated in this contract.

(b) Invoice Submission. The contractor shall submit invoices in an original to the office identified in Block 18b of the SF-1449. To constitute a proper invoice, the invoice shall include all the items

required by FAR 32.905(e).

The contractor shall show Value Added Tax (VAT) as a separate item on invoices submitted for payment.

(c) Contractor Remittance Address. The Government will make payment to the contractor's address stated on the cover page of this contract, unless a separate remittance address is shown below:

(d) Payment schedule: progress payments according to completion percentages.

652.242-70 CONTRACTING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE (COR) AUG 1999)

(a) The Contracting Officer may designate in writing one or more Government employees, by name or position title, to take action for the Contracting Officer under this contract. Each designee shall be identified as a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR). Such designation(s) shall specify the scope and limitations of the authority so delegated; provided, that the designee shall not change the terms or conditions of the contract, unless the COR is a warranted Contracting Officer and this authority is delegated in the designation.

(b) The COR for this contract is the Vice Consul.

652.225-71 SECTION 8(A) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1979, AS AMENDED (AUG 1999)

(a) Section 8(a) of the U.S. Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)), prohibits compliance by U.S. persons with any boycott fostered by a foreign country against a country which is friendly to the United States and which is not itself the object of any form of boycott pursuant to United States law or regulation. The Boycott of Israel by Arab League countries is such a boycott, and therefore, the following actions, if taken with intent to comply with, further, or support the Arab League Boycott of Israel, are prohibited activities under the Export Administration Act:

- (1) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to do business with or in Israel, with any Israeli concern, or with any national or resident of Israel, or with any other person, pursuant to an agreement of, or a request from or on behalf of a boycotting country;
- (2) Refusing, or requiring any U.S. person to refuse to employ or otherwise discriminating against any person on the basis of race, religion, sex, or national origin of that person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such person;

- (3) Furnishing information with respect to the race, religion, or national origin of any U.S. person or of any owner, officer, director, or employee of such U.S. person;
- (4) Furnishing information about whether any person has, has had, or proposes to have any business relationship (including a relationship by way of sale, purchase, legal or commercial representation, shipping or other transport, insurance, investment, or supply) with or in the State of Israel, with any business concern organized under the laws of the State of Israel, with any Israeli national or resident, or with any person which is known or believed to be restricted from having any business relationship with or in Israel;
- (5) Furnishing information about whether any person is a member of, has made contributions to, or is otherwise associated with or involved in the activities of any charitable or fraternal organization which supports the State of Israel; and,
- (6) Paying, honoring, confirming, or otherwise implementing letter of credit which contains any condition or requirement against doing business with the State of Israel.

(b) Under Section 8(a), the following types of activities are not forbidden “compliance with the boycott”, and are therefore exempted from Section 8(a)'s prohibitions listed in paragraphs (a)(1) through (6) above:

- (1) Complying or agreeing to comply with requirements:
 - (i) Prohibiting the import of goods or services from Israel or goods produced or services provided by any business concern organized under the laws of Israel or by nationals or residents of Israel; or,
 - (ii) Prohibiting the shipment of goods to Israel on a carrier of Israel, or by a route other than that prescribed by the boycotting country or the recipient of the shipment;
- (2) Complying or agreeing to comply with import and shipping document requirements with respect to the country of origin, the name of the carrier and route of shipment, the name of the supplier of the shipment or the name of the provider of other services, except that no information knowingly furnished or conveyed in response to such requirements may be stated in negative, blacklisting, or similar exclusionary terms, other than with respect to carriers or route of shipments as may be permitted by such regulations in order to comply with precautionary requirements protecting against war risks and confiscation;
- (3) Complying or agreeing to comply in the normal course of business with the unilateral and specific selection by a boycotting country, or national or resident thereof, of carriers, insurance, suppliers of services to be performed within the boycotting country or specific goods which, in the normal course of business, are identifiable by source when imported into the boycotting country;

- (4) Complying or agreeing to comply with the export requirements of the boycotting country relating to shipments or transshipments of exports to Israel, to any business concern of or organized under the laws of Israel, or to any national or resident of Israel;
- (5) Compliance by an individual or agreement by an individual to comply with the immigration or passport requirements of any country with respect to such individual or any member of such individual's family or with requests for information regarding requirements of employment of such individual within the boycotting country; and,
- (6) Compliance by a U.S. person resident in a foreign country or agreement by such person to comply with the laws of that country with respect to his or her activities exclusively therein, and such regulations may contain exceptions for such resident complying with the laws or regulations of that foreign country governing imports into such country of trademarked, trade named, or similarly specifically identifiable products, or components of products for his or her own use, including the performance of contractual services within that country, as may be defined by such regulations.

652.242-73 AUTHORIZATION AND PERFORMANCE (AUG 1999)

- (a) The contractor warrants the following:
 - (1) That it has obtained authorization to operate and do business in the country or countries in which this contract will be performed;
 - (2) That it has obtained all necessary licenses and permits required to perform this contract; and,
 - (3) That it shall comply fully with all laws, decrees, labor standards, and regulations of said country or countries during the performance of this contract.
- (b) If the party actually performing the work will be a subcontractor or joint venture partner, then such subcontractor or joint venture partner agrees to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this clause.
- (c) The total duration of this contract, including the exercise of any options under this clause, shall not exceed 18 months.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

- (a) *General.* The Contractor shall be responsible for information technology (IT) security for all systems connected to a Department of State (DOS) network or operated by the Contractor for DOS, regardless of location. This clause is applicable to all or any part of the contract that includes information technology resources or services in which the Contractor has physical or electronic access to DOS's sensitive information that directly supports the mission of DOS. The

term "information technology," as used in this clause, means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, including telecommunications equipment, that is used in the automatic acquisition, storage, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information. This includes both major applications and general support systems as defined by OMB Circular A-130. Examples of tasks that require security provisions include:

- (1) Hosting of DOS e-Government sites or other IT operations;
- (2) Acquisition, transmission or analysis of data owned by DOS with significant replacement cost should the contractor's copy be corrupted; and
- (3) Access to DOS general support systems/major applications at a level beyond that granted the general public, e.g. bypassing a firewall.

(b) *IT Security Plan.* The Contractor shall develop, provide, implement, and maintain an IT Security Plan. This plan shall describe the processes and procedures that will be followed to ensure appropriate security of IT resources that are developed, processed, or used under this contract. The plan shall describe those parts of the contract to which this clause applies. The Contractor's IT Security Plan shall comply with applicable Federal Laws that include, but are not limited to, 40 U.S.C. 11331, the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002, and the E-Government Act of 2002. The plan shall meet IT security requirements in accordance with Federal and DOS policies and procedures, as they may be amended from time to time during the term of this contract that include, but are not limited to:

- (1) OMB Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources, Appendix III, Security of Federal Automated Information Resources;
- (2) National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Guidelines (see NIST Special Publication 800-37, *Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Technology Systems* (<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-37/SP800-37-final.pdf>)); and
- (3) Department of State information security sections of the Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) and Foreign Affairs Handbook (FAH), specifically:
 - (i) 12 FAM 130;
 - (ii) 12 FAM 500 (sections 540, 570, and 590); and
 - (iii) 12 FAM 600 (section 620, and portions of 650).

(c) *Submittal of IT Security Plan.* Within 30 days after contract award, the Contractor shall submit the IT Security Plan to the Contracting Officer and Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for acceptance. This plan shall be consistent with and further detail the approach contained in the contractor's proposal or sealed bid that resulted in the award of this contract and in compliance with the requirements stated in this clause. The plan, as accepted by the

Contracting Officer and COR, shall be incorporated into the contract as a compliance document. The Contractor shall comply with the accepted plan.

(d) *Accreditation.* Within 6 months after contract award, the Contractor shall submit written proof of IT Security accreditation for acceptance by the Contracting Officer. Such written proof may be furnished either by the Contractor or by a third party. Accreditation must be in accordance with NIST Special Publication 800-37, *Guide for the Security Certification and Accreditation of Federal Information Technology Systems* (<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistpubs/800-37/SP800-37-final.pdf>). This accreditation will include a final security plan, risk assessment, security test and evaluation, and disaster recovery plan/continuity of operations plan. This accreditation, when accepted by the Contracting Officer, shall be incorporated into the contract as a compliance document, and shall include a final security plan, a risk assessment, security test and evaluation, and disaster recovery/continuity of operations plan. The Contractor shall comply with the accepted accreditation documentation.

(e) *Annual verification.* On an annual basis, the Contractor shall submit verification to the Contracting Officer that the IT Security Plan remains valid.

(f) *Warning notices.* The Contractor shall ensure that the following banners are displayed on all DOS systems (both public and private) operated by the Contractor prior to allowing anyone access to the system:

Government Warning

* *WARNING* *WARNING* *WARNING* *

Unauthorized access is a violation of U.S. Law and Department of State policy, and may result in criminal or administrative penalties. Users shall not access other user's or system files without proper authority. Absence of access controls IS NOT authorization for access! DOS information systems and related equipment are intended for communication, transmission, processing and storage of U.S. Government information. These systems and equipment are subject to monitoring by law enforcement and authorized Department officials. Monitoring may result in the acquisition, recording, and analysis of all data being communicated, transmitted, processed or stored in this system by law enforcement and authorized Department officials. Use of this system constitutes consent to such monitoring.

* *WARNING* *WARNING* *WARNING* *

(g) *Privacy Act notification.* The Contractor shall ensure that the following banner is displayed on all DOS systems that contain Privacy Act information operated by the contractor prior to allowing anyone access to the system:

This system contains information protected under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579). Any privacy information displayed on the screen or printed

shall be protected from unauthorized disclosure. Employees who violate privacy safeguards may be subject to disciplinary actions, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both.

(h) *Privileged or limited privileged access.* Contractor personnel requiring privileged access or limited privileged access to systems operated by the contractor for DOS or interconnected to a DOS network shall adhere to the specific contract security requirements contained within this contract and/or the Contract Security Classification Specification (DD Form 254).

(i) *Training.* The Contractor shall ensure that its employees performing under this contract receive annual IT security training in accordance with OMB Circular A-130, FISMA, and NIST requirements, as they may be amended from time to time during the term of this contract, with a specific emphasis on rules of behavior.

(j) *Government access.* The Contractor shall afford the Government access to the contractor's and subcontractors' facilities, installations, operations, documentation, databases and personnel used in performance of the contract. Access shall be provided to the extent required to carry out a program of IT inspection (to include vulnerability testing), investigation and audit to safeguard against threats and hazards to the integrity, availability and confidentiality of DOS data or to the function of information technology systems operated on behalf of DOS, and to preserve evidence of computer crime.

(k) *Subcontracts.* The Contractor shall incorporate the substance of this clause in all subcontracts that meet the conditions in paragraph (a) of this clause.

(l) *Notification regarding employees.* The Contractor shall immediately notify the Contracting Officer when an employee either begins or terminates employment when that employee has access to DOS information systems or data.

(m) *Termination.* Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with the terms of this clause may result in termination of this contract.

(End of clause)

652.237-72 OBSERVANCE OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (APR 2004)

(a) The Department of State observes the following days as holidays:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
Lunar New Year Festival
Presidents' Day
Victory Day
International Labor Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day

Vietnamese National Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Any other day designated by Federal law, Executive Order, or Presidential Proclamation.

(b) When any such day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday is observed. Observance of such days by Government personnel shall not be cause for additional period of performance or entitlement to compensation except as set forth in the contract. If the contractor's personnel work on a holiday, no form of holiday or other premium compensation will be reimbursed either as a direct or indirect cost, unless authorized pursuant to an overtime clause elsewhere in this contract.

(c) Contractor shall make sure all plants and grass are regularly watered during holidays that are more than 3 day longs. This work is considered part of the Ground Maintenance Plan. List of workers who come to work on these holidays shall be submitted to the COR at least 24 hours prior to the holidays.

SECTION 3 - SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

FAR 52.212-1, INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS -- COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2006), IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. (SEE SF-1449, BLOCK 27A).

ADDENDUM TO 52.212-1

None

SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS. Each offer must consist of the following:

1. A completed solicitation, in which the SF-1449 cover page (blocks 12, 17, 19-24, and 30 as appropriate), and Section 1 has been filled out.
2. Information demonstrating the offeror's/quoter's ability to perform, including:
 - (a) Name of a Project Manager/Supervisor (or other liaison to the Embassy/Consulate) who understands written and spoken English;
 - (b) Evidence that the offeror/quoter operates an established business with a permanent address and telephone listing;
 - (c) List of clients, demonstrating prior experience with relevant past performance information and references;
 - (d) Evidence that the offeror/quoter can provide the necessary personnel, equipment, and financial resources needed to perform the work;
 - (e) Draft information security plan required by Section 2
 - (f) Evidence that the offeror/quoter has all licenses and permits required by local law (see DOSAR 652.242-73 in Section 2).
3. If required by the solicitation, provide either:
 - (a) a copy of the Certificate of Insurance, or
 - (b) a statement that the contractor will get the required insurance, and the name of the insurance provider to be used.

**ADDENDUM TO SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
FAR AND DOSAR PROVISIONS NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12**

52.252-1 SOLICITATION PROVISIONS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (FEB 1998)

This solicitation incorporates one or more solicitation provisions by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at:

<http://www.arnet.gov/far/> or <http://farsite.hill.af.mil/search.htm>

These addresses are subject to change. IF the FAR is not available at the locations indicated above, use of an Internet "search engine" (e.g., Yahoo, Infoseek, Alta Vista, etc.) is suggested to obtain the latest location of the most current FAR provisions.

The following Federal Acquisition Regulation solicitation provisions are incorporated by reference:

<u>CLAUSE</u>	<u>TITLE AND DATE</u>
52.204-6	Contractor Identification Number --Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS)Number (JUN 1999)
52.214-34	Submission of Offers in the English Language (APR 1991)
52.237-1	Site Visit (APR 1984)

SITE VISIT. In accordance with FAR provision 52.237-1, Site Visit, the Consulate has established the site visit to occur at 13:00 on Aug 12, 2006. Offerors should contact Ms. Dung Nguyen, telephone no. (84-8) 822 9433 x 2223, fax no. (84-8) 823 4642 or DungAN@state.gov, to make appropriate arrangements. During the site visit bidders will have a chance to examine the microfiche and microfilm that will be scanned. At the same time bidders will have a chance to estimate and quantify the overall size of the Consulate's documents collections.

NOTE TO INTERESTED VENDORS – Due to security concerns all offerors must contact the above and fax or email the individuals' name and company name of all individuals who will represent the company at the site visit. On the date of the site visit company representatives must present matching photo identification in order to be allowed access. Anyone attempting to attend the site visit without prior notification will be denied entry.

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE.

The pre-proposal conference will be held in conjunction with the site visit to discuss the requirements of this solicitation on Aug 12, 2006 at 13:00 at the Consulate Office Building, 7

Mac Dinh Chi, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City. Offerors interested in attending should contact Ms. Dung Nguyen, telephone no. (84-8) 822 9433 x 2223, fax no. (84-8) 823 4642 or DungAN@state.gov to register.

THE FOLLOWING DOSAR PROVISION(S) IS/ARE PROVIDED IN FULL TEXT:

652.206-70 COMPETITION ADVOCATE/OMBUDSMAN (AUG 1999)

(a) The Department of State's Competition Advocate is responsible for assisting industry in removing restrictive requirements from Department of State solicitations and removing barriers to full and open competition and use of commercial items. If such a solicitation is considered competitively restrictive or does not appear properly conducive to competition and commercial practices, potential offerors are encouraged to first contact the contracting officer for the respective solicitation. If concerns remain unresolved, contact the Department of State Competition Advocate on (703) 516-1680, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Competition Advocate, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 603, SA-6, Washington, DC 20522-0602.

(b) The Department of State's Acquisition Ombudsman has been appointed to hear concerns from potential offerors and contractors during the preaward and postaward phases of this acquisition. The role of the ombudsman is not to diminish the authority of the contracting officer, the Technical Evaluation Panel or Source Evaluation Board, or the selection official. The purpose of the ombudsman is to facilitate the communication of concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations of interested parties to the appropriate Government personnel, and work to resolve them. When requested and appropriate, the ombudsman will maintain strict confidentiality as to the source of the concern. The ombudsman does not participate in the evaluation of proposals, the source selection process, or the adjudication of formal contract disputes. Interested parties are invited to contact the contracting activity ombudsman, **Supervisory General Services Officer (S/GSO) at telephone no. 84 4831 4590 or fax no. 84 4 772 2613.** For an American Embassy or overseas post, refer to the numbers below for the Department Acquisition Ombudsman. Concerns, issues, disagreements, and recommendations which cannot be resolved at a contracting activity level may be referred to the Department of State Acquisition Ombudsman at (703) 516-1680, by fax at (703) 875-6155, or write to: Department of State, Acquisition Ombudsman, Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE), Suite 603, SA-6, Washington, DC 20522-0602.

Acquisition Method: The Government is conducting this acquisition using the simplified acquisition procedures in Part 13 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). If the dollar amount exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold, then the Government will be using the test program for commercial items authorized by Subpart 13.5 of the FAR.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECURITY PLAN AND ACCREDITATION

All offers/bids submitted in response to this solicitation must address the approach for completing the security plan and accreditation requirements as required by the clause in Section 2, Security Requirements for Unclassified Information Technology Resources.

SECTION 4 - EVALUATION FACTORS

- Award will be made to the lowest priced, acceptable, responsible offeror. The quoter shall submit a completed solicitation, including Sections 1 and 5 plus additional documents such as company brochures, identification of key personnel, technical proposal, list of necessary equipment and technology required to complete this project, technical security plan, client lists, financial statement, etc.
- The Government reserves the right to reject proposals that are unreasonably low or high in price.
- The lowest price will be determined by multiplying the offered prices times the estimated quantities in “Prices - Continuation of SF-1449, block 23”, and arriving at a grand total, including all options.
- The Government will determine acceptability by assessing the offeror's compliance with the terms of the RFQ.
- The Government will determine contractor responsibility by analyzing whether the apparent successful offeror complies with the requirements of FAR 9.1, including:
 - adequate financial resources or the ability to obtain them;
 - ability to comply with the required performance period, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
 - satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
 - necessary organization, experience, and skills or the ability to obtain them;
 - necessary equipment, technology and facilities or the ability to obtain them; and
 - be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 5 - REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

52.212-3 OFFEROR REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS – COMMERCIAL ITEMS (MAR 2005)

An offeror shall complete only paragraph (j) of this provision if the offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. If an offeror has not completed the annual representations and certifications electronically at the ORCA website, the offeror shall complete only paragraphs (b) through (i) of this provision.

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this provision:

“Emerging small business” means a small business concern whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the numerical size standard for the NAICS code designated.

“Forced or indentured child labor” means all work or service—

- (1) Exacted from any person under the age of 18 under the menace of any penalty for its nonperformance and for which the worker does not offer himself voluntarily; or
- (2) Performed by any person under the age of 18 pursuant to a contract the enforcement of which can be accomplished by process or penalties.

“Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern”—

(1) Means a small business concern—

- (i) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
- (ii) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a service-disabled veteran with permanent and severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran.

(2) Service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(2), with a disability that is service-connected, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101(16).

“Small business concern” means a concern, including its affiliates, that is independently owned and operated, not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and qualified as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR Part 121 and size standards in this solicitation.

“Veteran-owned small business concern” means a small business concern—

- (1) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101(2)) or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and
- (2) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans.

“Women-owned business concern” means a concern which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its stock is owned by one or more women; and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

“Women-owned small business concern” means a small business concern—

(1) That is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and

(2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women.

(b) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)* (26 U.S.C. 6109, 31 U.S.C. 7701). (Not applicable if the offeror is required to provide this information to a central contractor registration database to be eligible for award.)

(1) All offerors must submit the information required in paragraphs (b)(3) through (b)(5) of this provision to comply with debt collection requirements of 31 U.S.C. 7701(c) and 3325(d), reporting requirements of 26 U.S.C. 6041, 6041A, and 6050M, and implementing regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(2) The TIN may be used by the Government to collect and report on any delinquent amounts arising out of the offeror’s relationship with the Government

(31 U.S.C. 7701(c)(3)). If the resulting contract is subject to the payment reporting requirements described in FAR 4.904, the TIN provided hereunder may be matched with IRS records to verify the accuracy of the offeror’s TIN.

(3) *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)*.

___ TIN: _____.

___ TIN has been applied for.

___ TIN is not required because:

___ Offeror is a nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign partnership that does not have income effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States and does not have an office or place of business or a fiscal paying agent in the United States;

___ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of a foreign government;

___ Offeror is an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government.

(4) *Type of organization*.

___ Sole proprietorship;

___ Partnership;

___ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt);

___ Corporate entity (tax-exempt);

- ☐ Government entity (Federal, State, or local);
- ☐ Foreign government;
- ☐ International organization per 26 CFR 1.6049-4;
- ☐ Other _____.

(5) *Common parent.*

- ☐ Offeror is not owned or controlled by a common parent;
- ☐ Name and TIN of common parent:
Name _____
TIN _____.

(c) Offerors must complete the following representations when the resulting contract will be performed in the United States or its outlying areas. Check all that apply.

- (1) *Small business concern.* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small business concern.
- (2) *Veteran-owned small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a veteran-owned small business concern.
- (3) *Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a veteran-owned small business concern in paragraph (c)(2) of this provision.] The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern.
- (4) *Small disadvantaged business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents, for general statistical purposes, that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a small disadvantaged business concern as defined in 13 CFR 124.1002.
- (5) *Women-owned small business concern.* [Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it ☐ is, ☐ is not a women-owned small business concern.

Note: Complete paragraphs (c)(6) and (c)(7) only if this solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

- (6) *Women-owned business concern (other than small business concern).* [Complete only if the offeror is a women-owned business concern and did not represent itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.] The offeror represents that it ☐ is a women-owned business concern.
- (7) *Tie bid priority for labor surplus area concerns.* If this is an invitation for bid, small business offerors may identify the labor surplus areas in which costs to be incurred on account of manufacturing or production (by offeror or first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price:

(8) Small Business Size for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and for the Targeted Industry Categories under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. *[Complete only if the offeror has represented itself to be a small business concern under the size standards for this solicitation.]*

(i) *[Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being set-aside for emerging small businesses in one of the designated industry groups (DIGs).]* The offeror represents as part of its offer that it ___ is, ___ is not an emerging small business.

(ii) *[Complete only for solicitations indicated in an addendum as being for one of the targeted industry categories (TICs) or designated industry groups (DIGs).]* Offeror represents as follows:

(A) Offeror's number of employees for the past 12 months (check the Employees column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of number of employees); or

(B) Offeror's average annual gross revenue for the last 3 fiscal years (check the Average Annual Gross Number of Revenues column if size standard stated in the solicitation is expressed in terms of annual receipts).

(Check one of the following):

Number of Employees	Average Annual Gross Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> 50 or fewer	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1 million or less
<input type="checkbox"/> 51–100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001–\$2 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 101–250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000,001–\$3.5 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 251–500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,500,001–\$5 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 501–750	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000,001–\$10 million
<input type="checkbox"/> 751–1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001–\$17 million
<input type="checkbox"/> Over 1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Over \$17 million

(9) *[Complete only if the solicitation contains the clause at FAR 52.219-23, Notice of Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns, or FAR 52.219-25, Small Disadvantaged Business Participation Program—Disadvantaged Status and Reporting, and the offeror desires a benefit based on its disadvantaged status.]*

(i) *General.* The offeror represents that either—

(A) It ___ is, ___ is not certified by the Small Business Administration as a small disadvantaged business concern and identified, on the date of this representation, as a certified small disadvantaged business concern in the database maintained by the Small Business Administration (PRO-Net), and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its certification, and, where

the concern is owned by one or more individuals claiming disadvantaged status, the net worth of each individual upon whom the certification is based does not exceed \$750,000 after taking into account the applicable exclusions set forth at 13 CFR 124.104(c)(2); or

(B) It ___ has, ___ has not submitted a completed application to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier to be certified as a small disadvantaged business concern in accordance with 13 CFR 124, Subpart B, and a decision on that application is pending, and that no material change in disadvantaged ownership and control has occurred since its application was submitted.

(ii) *Joint Ventures under the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Business Concerns.* The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that it is a joint venture that complies with the requirements in 13 CFR 124.1002(f) and that the representation in paragraph (c)(9)(i) of this provision is accurate for the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture. [*The offeror shall enter the name of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture: _____.*]

(10) *HUBZone small business concern.* [*Complete only if the offeror represented itself as a small business concern in paragraph (c)(1) of this provision.*] The offeror represents, as part of its offer, that—

(i) It ___ is, ___ is not a HUBZone small business concern listed, on the date of this representation, on the List of Qualified HUBZone Small Business Concerns maintained by the Small Business Administration, and no material change in ownership and control, principal office, or HUBZone employee percentage has occurred since it was certified by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126; and

(ii) It ___ is, ___ is not a joint venture that complies with the requirements of 13 CFR Part 126, and the representation in paragraph (c)(10)(i) of this provision is accurate for the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture. [*The offeror shall enter the name or names of the HUBZone small business concern or concerns that are participating in the joint venture: _____.*] Each HUBZone small business concern participating in the joint venture shall submit a separate signed copy of the HUBZone representation.

(d) Representations required to implement provisions of Executive Order 11246—

(1) Previous contracts and compliance. The offeror represents that—

(i) It ___ has, ___ has not participated in a previous contract or subcontract subject to the Equal Opportunity clause of this solicitation; and

(ii) It ___ has, ___ has not filed all required compliance reports.

(2) *Affirmative Action Compliance.* The offeror represents that—

(i) It ____ has developed and has on file, ____ has not developed and does not have on file, at each establishment, affirmative action programs required by rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 cfr parts 60-1 and 60-2), or

(ii) It ____ has, ____ has not previously had contracts subject to the written affirmative action programs requirement of the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Labor.

(e) *Certification Regarding Payments to Influence Federal Transactions (31 U.S.C. 1352).*

(Applies only if the contract is expected to exceed \$100,000.) By submission of its offer, the offeror certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that no Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress on his or her behalf in connection with the award of any resultant contract.

(f) *Buy American Act Certificate.* (Applies only if the clause at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.225-1, Buy American Act—Supplies, is included in this solicitation.)

(1) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (f)(2) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or manufactured outside the United States. The offeror shall list as foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products. The terms “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Supplies.”

(2) Foreign End Products:

Line Item No. Country of Origin

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[List as necessary]

(3) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(g)(1) *Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate.* (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-3, Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) or (g)(1)(iii) of this provision, is a domestic end product and that the offeror has considered components of unknown origin to have been mined, produced, or

manufactured outside the United States. The terms “component,” “domestic end product,” “end product,” “foreign end product,” and “United States” are defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act.”

(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are end products of Australia, Canada, Chile, Mexico, or Singapore, or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

End Products of Australia, Canada, Chile, Mexico, or Singapore or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No. Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

(iii) The offeror shall list those supplies that are foreign end products (other than those listed in paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of this provision) as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act.” The offeror shall list as other foreign end products those end products manufactured in the United States that do not qualify as domestic end products.

Other Foreign End Products:

Line Item No. Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

(iv) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures of FAR Part 25.

(2) *Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate I (Jan 2004)*. If Alternate I to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision:
(g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

Canadian End Products:

Line Item No.

[List as necessary]

(3) *Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act Certificate, Alternate II (Jan 2004)*. If Alternate II to the clause at FAR 52.225-3 is included in this solicitation, substitute the following paragraph (g)(1)(ii) for paragraph (g)(1)(ii) of the basic provision: (g)(1)(ii) The offeror certifies that the following supplies are Canadian end products or Israeli end products as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Buy American Act—Free Trade Agreements—Israeli Trade Act”:

Canadian or Israeli End Products:

Line Item No. Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

(4) *Trade Agreements Certificate*. (Applies only if the clause at FAR 52.225-5, Trade Agreements, is included in this solicitation.)

(i) The offeror certifies that each end product, except those listed in paragraph (g)(4)(ii) of this provision, is a U.S.-made or designated country end product, as defined in the clause of this solicitation entitled “Trade Agreements.”

(ii) The offeror shall list as other end products those end products that are not U.S.-made or designated country end products.

Other End Products:

Line Item No. Country of Origin

[List as necessary]

(iii) The Government will evaluate offers in accordance with the policies and procedures . For line items covered by the WTO GPA, the Government will evaluate offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products without regard to the restrictions of the Buy American Act. The Government will consider for award only offers of U.S.-made or designated country end products unless the Contracting Officer determines that there are no offers for such products or that the offers for such products are insufficient to fulfill the requirements of the solicitation.

(h) *Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension or Ineligibility for Award (Executive Order 12549)*. (Applies only if the contract value is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.) The offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that the offeror and/or any of its principals—

(1) ___ Are, ___ are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; and

(2) ___ Have, ___ have not, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for: commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a Federal, state or local government contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes relating to the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, or receiving stolen property; and

(3) ___ Are, ___ are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a Government entity with, commission of any of these offenses.

(i) *Certification Regarding Knowledge of Child Labor for Listed End Products (Executive Order 13126)*. [The Contracting Officer must list in paragraph (i)(1) any end products being acquired under this solicitation that are included in the List of Products Requiring Contractor Certification as to Forced or Indentured Child Labor, unless excluded at 22.1503(b).]

(1) *Listed end products.*

Listed End Product	Listed Countries of Origin
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(2) *Certification*. [If the Contracting Officer has identified end products and countries of origin in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision, then the offeror must certify to either (i)(2)(i) or (i)(2)(ii) by checking the appropriate block.]

[] (i) The offeror will not supply any end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product.

[] (ii) The offeror may supply an end product listed in paragraph (i)(1) of this provision that was mined, produced, or manufactured in the corresponding country as listed for that product. The offeror certifies that it has made a good faith effort to determine whether forced or indentured child labor was used to mine, produce, or manufacture any such end product furnished under this contract. On the basis of those efforts, the offeror certifies that it is not aware of any such use of child labor.

(j)(1) *Annual Representations and Certifications.* Any changes provided by the offeror in paragraph (j) of this provision do not automatically change the representations and certifications posted on the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA) website.

(2) The offeror has completed the annual representations and certifications electronically via the ORCA website at <http://orca.bpn.gov>. After reviewing the ORCA database information, the offeror verifies by submission of this offer that the representations and certifications currently posted electronically at FAR 52.212-3, Offeror Representations and Certifications—Commercial Items, have been entered or updated in the last 12 months, are current, accurate, complete, and applicable to this solicitation (including the business size standard applicable to the NAICS code referenced for this solicitation), as of the date of this offer and are incorporated in this offer by reference (see FAR 4.1201), except for paragraphs _____.

[Offeror to identify the applicable paragraphs at (b) through (i) of this provision that the offeror has completed for the purposes of this solicitation only, if any.]

These amended representation(s) and/or certification(s) are also incorporated in this offer and are current, accurate, and complete as of the date of this offer.

Any changes provided by the offeror are applicable to this solicitation only, and do not result in an update to the representations and certifications posted on ORCA.]

Alternate I (Apr 2002). As prescribed in 12.301(b)(2), add the following paragraph (c)(11) to the basic provision:

(11) (Complete if the offeror has represented itself as disadvantaged in paragraph (c)(4) or (c)(9) of this provision.)

[The offeror shall check the category in which its ownership falls]:

_____ Black American.

_____ Hispanic American.

_____ Native American (American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, or Native Hawaiians).

_____ Asian-Pacific American (persons with origins from Burma, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Japan, China, Taiwan, Laos, Cambodia (Kampuchea), Vietnam, Korea, The Philippines, U.S. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau), Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Samoa, Macao, Hong Kong, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, or Nauru).

_____ Subcontinent Asian (Asian-Indian) American (persons with origins from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Maldives Islands, or Nepal).

_____ Individual/concern, other than one of the preceding.

Alternate II (Oct 2000). As prescribed in 12.301(b)(2), add the following paragraph (c)(9)(iii) to the basic provision:

(iii) *Address.* The offeror represents that its address is, or is not in a region for which a small disadvantaged business procurement mechanism is authorized and its address has not changed since its certification as a small disadvantaged business concern or submission of its application for certification. The list of authorized small disadvantaged business procurement mechanisms and regions is posted at

<http://www.arnet.gov/References/sdbadjustments.htm>. The offeror shall use the list in effect on the date of this solicitation. "Address," as used in this provision, means the address of the offeror as listed on the Small Business Administration's register of small disadvantaged business concerns or the address on the completed application that the concern has submitted to the Small Business Administration or a Private Certifier in accordance with 13 CFR Part 124, subpart B. For joint ventures, "address" refers to the

address of the small disadvantaged business concern that is participating in the joint venture.

ADDENDUM TO REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS FAR AND DOSAR PROVISION(S) NOT PRESCRIBED IN PART 12

The following DOSAR provision is provided in full text:

652.225-70 ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL (AUG 1999)

(a) Definitions. As used in this provision:

Foreign person means any person other than a United States person as defined below.

United States person means any United States resident or national (other than an individual resident outside the United States and employed by other than a United States person), any domestic concern (including any permanent domestic establishment of any foreign concern), and any foreign subsidiary or affiliate (including any permanent foreign establishment) of any domestic concern which is controlled in fact by such domestic concern, as provided under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended.

(b) Certification. By submitting this offer, the offeror certifies that it is not:

- (1) Taking or knowingly agreeing to take any action, with respect to the boycott of Israel by Arab League countries, which Section 8(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. 2407(a)) prohibits a United States person from taking; or,
- (2) Discriminating in the award of subcontracts on the basis of religion.

Defense Base Act Insurance – Covered Contractor Employees

(a) Bidders/Offerors shall indicate below whether or not any of the following categories of employees will be employed on the resultant contract, and, if so, the number of such employees:

Category	Yes/No	Number
(1) United States citizens or residents		
(2) Individuals hired in the United States, regardless of citizenship		
(3) Local nationals or third country nationals where contract performance takes place in a country <u>where there are no</u> local workers' compensation laws		Local nationals: _____ Third Country Nationals: _____
(4) Local nationals or third country nationals where contract performance takes place in a country where there <u>are</u> local workers' compensation laws		Local nationals: _____ Third Country _____

		Nationals: _____
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(b) If the bidder/offeror has indicated “yes” in block (a)(4) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall submit, as part of its offer, a statement that indicates that such local nationals and/or third country nationals will be provided workers’ compensation coverage against the risk of work injury or death under a local workers’ compensation law. For those employees, the bidder/offeror shall also assume liability toward the employees and their beneficiaries for war-hazard injury, death, capture, or detention, in accordance with the clause at FAR 52.228-4.

(c) If the bidder/offeror has indicated “yes” in blocks (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this provision, the bidder/offeror shall compute Defense Base Act insurance costs covering those employees pursuant to the terms of the contract between the Department of State and the Department’s Defense Base Act insurance carrier at the rates specified in DOSAR 652.228-74. If DOSAR provision 652.228-74 is not included in this solicitation, the bidder/offeror shall notify the contracting officer before the closing date so that the solicitation can be amended accordingly.